imposed against India after the nuclear tests in May 1998. These sanctions, prescribed by US domestic law, were termination of bilateral assistance under the US Foreign Assistance Act; prohibition of sale of defence and military articles, services and designs; termination of all foreign military finances; denial of credits or financial assistance by any department of United States Government; opposition to extension of any loan by international financial institutions; prohibition on lending by any United States bank to the Government of India; and prohibition on exports of dual use goods and technology, particularly those relating to nuclear and missile development.

(d) Export of all "dual-use" technology from the United States to India are now subject to grant of export licences by U.S. authorities on a case-by-case review of each application.

Extradition of Abu Salem

1284. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that laxity on the part of the Indian diplomacy has led to letting of Abu Salem, a henchman of Dawood Ibrahim and involved in Mumbai blasts, who was detained by UAE authorities at Sharjah on 20th October, 2001;

(b) the reasons for not providing sufficient evidence for extradition of Abu Salem; and

(c) the steps being taken to correct past mistakes and to bring Abu Salem to India for trials?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) No, Sir. According to UAE authorities, Abu Salem was not detained at Sharjah.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Indo-US defence treaty

†1285. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal for defence treaty between India and America; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

American military action against other countries

1286. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to US' intention of military action against other countries after its actions against Afghanistan trampling upon national sovereignty and in flagrant defiance of international laws; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Government has seen media reports in this regard.

(b) Government is not in a position to comment on speculative reports on possible intentions of a foreign Government.

Detention of Indian youth in Pakistan

1287. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some youths from Punjab, who were sent abroad illegally by travel agents, have been detained/arrested by Pakistan recently;

(b) whether some Members of Parliament have brought this incidence to Government's notice and furnished the details of the detained persons; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) On persistent efforts undertaken by Government, 31 Indian nationals, mostly from Punjab, were released and repatriated to India on 1.10.2001. Subsequently it was learnt that four more persons from Punjab, who had reportedly entered Pakistan illegally, were also arrested. Government have taken up with the Government of Pakistan the issue of their early release and repatriation. Government of Pakistan is, however, yet to acknowledge their detention.